



# The Summit – September 2025

## Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

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### General Meeting

**Monday, September 15, 2025 9:30 am**

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

### Board Meeting

**Monday, October 6, 2025 9:00 am**

Diane Stockhaus' home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Diane to attend

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## President's Message

As the weather cools off, quilters tend to jump into their plans for staying warm during the winter. And in doing this, we begin assembling our projects, from designing that special gift for that special someone, to finishing that long overdue quilt once requested by a family member for a special occasion. And with the change of seasons, we don't mind as much the weight - and warmth - of adding the final binding to that quilt.

This is also the time of year for us to remember those less fortunate, who fret the coming cold, who also wonder how to stay warm. Our Community Quilts project is always in need of our skills, be it in assembling quilt tops, helping to put the 'sandwich' together, or with the final quilting. Every finished quilt is appreciated and well used! So, let's be thankful, and grateful, that every one of us can make a positive impact! I know I am!

Happy quilting, everyone!

Diane Stockhaus

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### **Programs**

*Elizabeth Phinder*

See the Programs Table for more information. Workshop fees must be paid in

advance by cash or check only. **Supply lists are available online at MTQG's website.** No refunds are issued, however, your spot may be filled from a waitlist.

**September**

**Mon  
09/15**

Monthly Guild Meeting  
**Program: Joan Carrell Trunk Show**

Time: 9:30 am

Member, Joan Carrell, will be sharing her trunk show.

Also, Ronnie Sandoval will be doing a book signing of her book about threads.

**Tue  
09/16**

**The Hideout Bag Workshop with Joan Carrell**

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Setup 8:40 am

Workshop Fee: \$20

Other Fees: Pattern \$10

One spot is still available! Pattern can be downloaded at [www.fireweedstitches.com](http://www.fireweedstitches.com).

Homework is required before class. Joan will send you home if you come to class without completing the homework!



**October**

**Mon  
10/20**

Monthly Guild Meeting  
**Program: Elizabeth Phinder Trunk Show**

Time: 9:30 am

Our Programs Chair, Elizabeth Phinder, will be doing a trunk show. Come see her beautiful quilts!

**Mon  
10/20**

**Finished Edge Hand Applique Workshop with Elizabeth Phinder**

Time: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm; Setup 12:15 pm

Workshop Fee: \$20

Other Fees: Pattern \$11 (paid to Elizabeth in class)

Elizabeth will teach you how to hand applique with a finished edge that is not needle turn. Choose from one of 3 mug rug patterns for the class. They are washable and fun to make. When signing up, please indicate which pattern you wish to use. Supply Sheet on the website.





## November

**Mon  
11/17**

Monthly Guild Meeting  
**Program: Swan Sheridan,  
 Contextualized Quilting**  
 Time: 9:30 am

Explore the creation of quilting concepts that pair with or accentuate the quilt top design, looking at a variety of samples and discussing the process from concept to completion. The 45-minute lecture includes 20+ examples of quilts and details the process of making decisions that guide the quilter towards the best possible quilting plans, employing the strengths of the quilter and the imagination. This process can be applied to both free motion design work as well as working with your favorite longarm quilter to find the best

programmable options.

**Mon  
11/17**

**Swan Sheridan, Color Mastery**  
 Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; Setup  
 12:40 pm  
 Workshop Fee: \$30  
 Other Fees: \$0

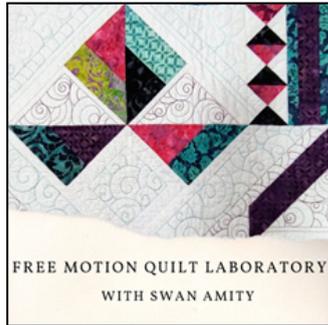
Does color feel mysterious? Do you find yourself uncertain about how to talk about color, what you want to make your quilt stand out, and/or even have difficulty describing the exact fabric you're looking for? Color theory is the tool for you! In this class Swan will guide you through the details of color from the language of color to the most effective ways to approach pulling color into your quilts. This interactive class will have you testing your new principles from start to finish and sending you out of class with an excellent set of color tools to make your quilts beautiful from the beginning. [Supply Sheet](#) available on the website.

**Tue  
11/18**

**Swan Sheridan, Free Motion  
 Quilting Lab**  
 Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm; Setup  
 9:10 am  
 Workshop Fee: \$45  
 Other Fees: \$0

Do you find it difficult to know where to start with your free motion work? Do you have a project that is hard to plan for? Bring a finished quilt top and get the guidance you need! Learn to make choices about your

specific project, discover tricks to make your projects more approachable, and ultimately create a personal plan for the project you bring to class. Swan will help you test your plan, tailor it to your abilities, and help you to organize an order of operations (where to begin and where to finish). [Supply Sheet](#) available on the website.



## **ECHOS**

*Ronnie Sandoval*

**E-Educate C-Challenge H-Help O-Opportunity & S-Social**

All ECHOS sessions are free and held directly after the regularly scheduled Guild meetings.

### **September**

**Mon  
09/15**

Carolyn Wright will demonstrate how to use the Easy Piecing Grid. This is so simple you might want to try making a wall hanging, just to learn the technique.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**. Please send to [mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com).

### **Book Sale & Signing**

*Veronica (Ronnie) Sandoval*

I am the Author of **“Thread is not just Threads”** and I will be doing a book sale and signing at our September Guild Meeting. The cost of my book is \$17.50, which includes sales tax. I will accept cash or checks.

The Sale will be before the meeting starts, at break and after the meeting. Please come by. Hope to see you there.

For our fellow quilters who may have hearing or visual challenges, please reserve the seats in the front row for our General Meetings.

### **Programs Survey**

*Elizabeth Phinder*

I wanted to thank everyone for taking part in the survey at the last General Meeting. We had such a great response – of the 83 members that signed in we got 81 surveys back!! Whoo hoo!! We will be looking at the results and will be bringing speakers in based on your feedback from the survey.

Thank you so much!

## **Community Quilts**

*Suzy Davidson & Peggie McKenzie*

At the September general meeting we will not have merchandise to sell or kits available but will be accepting your finished quilts and tops and will have quilt bundles for pick up.

Our September workshop will be on the 22nd and we will be sandwiching quilts, piecing backs and sorting fabric. We'll start at 9:00 am and can stay until 3:00 pm. If you don't want to bring your machine, we have some available for your use or lot's to do that doesn't require sewing. So, bring lunch and come join us. We always have a good time.

## **Block of the Month**

*Susan Szot*

We are making progress with our two Block of the Month projects and starting to see how they come together. Neither of these is difficult, so if you have not started, it's not too late to jump in.

If you are working on Gemtones, September's block is Amethyst. Find the directions for this quilt [here](#) and scroll to Amethyst Blocks. Remember, for this quilt you have the choice to rotary cut or Accuquilt cut your pieces, and our guild owns the cutters and the 8" Block Cube needed. The actual pattern calls for the 10" Block Cube, but all the dies are the same shape, just different sizes, so the blocks come together well.. I own the 8" Block Cube for my Accuquilt system so that is

what I am using. My blocks complete at 16" rather than 20".

If you are working on Graceful Gardens, September's block is Pinwheels and Stars, Block 3. Find the directions [here](#) and scroll down to the Graceful Gardens directions.

This quilt block uses the same pattern as last month, but the center pieces of the block are reversed. You will need two of this block. If you cut last month's block pieces out of the cloth as it comes off the bolt, (wrong sides together), then just do that again and you will have two blocks facing left and two facing right.

If last month you cut both blocks out of fabric with the right sides up, you must do the same for this month.

It is important to pay attention to the layouts when assembling these blocks. I noticed some needed corrections for this block's directions. To make two blocks, you will need to alter the cutting directions for the Creme Dot 7 1/4" squares, cut 4, not 2. and for the Navy blue large floral 5 3/4" squares, cut 4, not 2.. There is a step missing in the Split HST Tutorial, After joining the creme dot and navy blue floral together, cut that unit in half before continuing. With these adjustments, you should have no trouble.

## **Fall Quilt S'more Camp**

*Barb Saia, Martie, Karen*

Hi Happy Campers!!! We still have spots left for camp!

I am Barb Saia and I will be facilitating the Fall Quilt S'more Camp this year! I am excited to be hosting this event for our guild and sincerely hope you consider joining in on the fun. The dates for camp are October 7-10.

Camp will be held at the beautiful Chapel Rock in Prescott. The cost for camp is \$340 per person for double occupancy (sleep-over). For a private room the cost is \$406 per person. Day campers are \$170 but space is limited to 3!

Please print and bring your [registration form](#) filled out and your payment to the meeting.

We have been having fun dreaming up some new additions for camp. We will have the AccuQuilt available at camp to use! When you register please let us know what dies you would like us to bring.

I look forward to seeing everyone there!

## **2026 Stitches of Love Quilt Show**

*Theresa Barnard*

Our first meeting for Quilt Show Committee Chairpersons will be on Wednesday, September 17, at 9:00 am at the StoneRidge Community Center in the upstairs conference room. Further

instructions will be sent via email. If you are unable to attend, please let Theresa know.

## **Meals on Wheels Placemats**

*Kay Denny*

Collection of Meals on Wheels placemats continues through the November meeting. They will be distributed to the Meals on Wheels clients in December with their Christmas/Holiday meals. The feedback from previous years is that the recipients are quite pleased with our gifts to them. Please remember that the placemats should not have any political or religious themes. Thanks to all for participating.



### September Birthdays

Wishing a special day to those members with birthdays this month.

1. Bobbie Mae Ball
2. Charlene Coxworth
3. Liz Hart
4. Anita Havelin
5. Renee Hromish
6. Michelle Kirkpatrick
7. Donna Mathews
8. Margot McDonnell
9. Valorie Nelson
10. Rosemarie Thorne
11. Karin Toci

### Upcoming Quilt Events

A Covey of Quilts Quilt Show  
**October 17-18, 2025**  
Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church  
330 Scenic Drive  
Clarkdale, AZ

Lonesome Valley Boutique  
**October 24-25, 2025**  
Elk's Lodge  
6245 E. 2nd Street  
Prescott Valley, AZ

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival  
**November 6-8, 2025**  
Tucson Expo Center  
3750 E. Irvington Road  
Tucson, AZ

Rim Country Quilt Roundup  
**November 7-8, 2025**  
Mazatzal Casino Exhibition Hall  
Hwy 87 at Milepost 251  
Payson, AZ

## MTQG General Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2025

President Diane Stockhaus thanked everyone for coming and the meeting began at 9:32 a.m.

**President's Comments:** Diane Stockhaus said she hoped everyone was having a good time shopping at Community Quilts fabric sale. She reminded everyone that it is the responsibility of all members to support guild activities, including guest speakers, classes and related items. This is a volunteer organization, and its efficient operation and effectiveness is dependent upon the participation of all members.

Diane Stockhaus recognized Janice Key, who was present, along with Jimmie Johnson, as being members who were significantly responsible at the beginning to get MTQG formed.

**Approval of the July meeting minutes:** A change was required before approval: The new text – Meals on Wheels Placemats: Kay Denny (Marci McMullen as backup). Placemats are being collected at the side table through the November meeting and will be distributed by Meals on Wheels in December.

Mary Jane Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes and Dona Speights seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the change.

President Diane Stockhaus reminded everyone that the Annual Dues amount is \$40 a year and NOT \$30. The Guild has received two payments from members for \$30 and they had to be returned to get proper payment. There will be a reduction in dues in February. (The reduction has not yet determined.)

**President's Challenge:** President Diane Stockhaus said 2026 is the 250th Anniversary of Independence for our country. She recommended that members make something to commemorate the anniversary. She showed the members an example of a smaller sized quilt that members could make and have finished by the Quilt Show. Basic instructions are available at the Programs table. Diane said the President's challenge is not intended to replace the biennial Community Quilt Challenge.

**Book Signing by Ronnie Sandoval:** President Diane Stockhaus said she had in her hands a signed copy of the book "Thread is Not Just Thread" by Ronnie Sandoval. Diane Stockhaus said Ronnie will be having a book sale and signing at the end of a Guild

meeting in September. This will give you an opportunity to get your very own copy of Ronnie's book.

**Receipt of a hand-pieced quilt-as-you top:** Diane held up a quilt top that needs just a little more work to finish. All the blocks are done, just need someone to finish sewing all the blocks together. Anyone want to volunteer? Please come if interested, take away and finish up the top.

**Quilters Get Away Opportunity:** Diane Stockhaus summarized an email received from Kristi Parker, regarding an offer to members for a quilter's get away extravaganza holiday in February 2026, on the East Coast. Talk to Diane after the meeting if you would like further information.

Upcoming quilt shows in the area:

- Quilt Craft and Sewing Festival at Westworld, Scottsdale, August 28th thru 30th.
- Yavapai County Fair, September 4th thru 7th.
- Covey Of Quilts show, Clarkdale, October 17th & 18th.
- Lonesome Valley Boutique, October 24th & 25th, at the Elk Lodge.
- Quilt Craft and Sewing Festival, Tucson, November 6th.

**Birthday/Sunshine if any:** President Diane Stockhaus read the list of August birthdays.

**1989 Membership Directory:** President Diane Stockhaus showed the members a 1989 MTQG'S membership Directory. It was given to Diane at the July Community Quilts meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Membership – Directory - Donna Domino**

Donna asked if everyone received the Directory that she emailed out the first of August. The Standing rules are included in the directory and the Bylaws can be viewed on the MTQG website. Please let her know if you didn't receive this email.

She said only one person's email bounced back to her after emailing out the Directory. No one has contacted her for corrections. Please contact Donna if any corrections or additions need to be made.

We had two guests today and they introduced themselves.

### **Programs - Elizabeth Phinder**

- **Sept 15th** – Member Joan Carrell will have a truck show. Can't wait to see her quilts.
- **Sept 16th** – The Hideout Bag workshop from Joan Carrell. She will teach us how to make a conceal carry cross body bag. She recommends the site "sallietomato.com" for bag supplies and recommends the cork material.
- **October 20th** – Elizabeth Phinder will do a trunk show. Come see her beautiful quilts.
- **October 20th** – Finished Edge Hand Applique workshop from Elizabeth Phinder. Elizabeth will teach you how to hand applique with a finished edge that is not needle turned. Time: 12:30 to 4:00.
- **Nov 17th** – Swan Sheridan of Swan Amity Studios will lecture on Contextualized Quilting and a half day workshop on Color.
- **Nov 18th** – Swan Sheridan will teach a Free Motion Quilting lab.

Elizabeth said that a short Programs Survey (only three questions) will be passed out during the meeting. The survey is to help the guild put on programs that are of interest to the members. She asked everyone to please take the time to complete the survey and return to her today by the end of the meeting.

### **ECHOS - Ronnie Sandoval**

Education, Challenge, Help, Opportunity and Social. This is a member-to-member training session held after the General meeting, lasting ½ hour to an hour depending on the topic.

### **Quilt Show - Theresa Barnard**

Theresa reminded everyone to renew their membership if they hadn't already done so. She also recommended reading the monthly newsletter to keep current on MTQG events.

The Quilt Show date has not been decided yet, still waiting on Findlay to give us a definite date when the Center would be available.

The Quilt Show committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. We are planning to have a work party in October to inventory what is in the joint storage unit with TBQG in preparation for the Quilt Show. The committee is looking for help from members with taking the inventory.

Stiches of Love has been selected as the logo for the 2026 Quilt Show.

### **Opportunity Quilt Marketing - Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie**

The County Fair is our largest money-making event. Please sign up to help with for Community Quilts' sales. There's a sign-up sheet on our table at the back of the room. We will need members available to sell tickets for our quilt and answer questions from 9am to 7pm from Sept 4th thru 7th. We will be in the main building with our opportunity quilt.

We are hoping to have a great selection of quilts, wall hangings and wearables from our members. The drop off is the same place as last year. We are considered to be a static exhibit, which means we don't move around and are in the location as last year. Space in the main building will depend on the number of entries and space available but we will find spots for all guilds. Remember if you enter a quilt, wall hanging or garment you don't have to pay to get into the County Fair.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 928-308-5518.

### **Block of the Month - Sue Szot**

We are making two different blocks this year. Gem Tones is the name of the first block. Sue showed the members an example of this block and said this is very easy and straight forward to make this 8 inch block. The instructions are accurate and easy to follow. The Accuquilt Cutter is a great way to cut out the pieces for Gem Tones.

Graceful Gardens is the second block. Sue said she used the same designer as last year and had no problems. This year the instructions are not so clear. They are complicated and not easy to follow. Sue showed an example of the block and said to please contact her with questions regarding the instructions.

### **Fall Quilt Camp – Barbara Saia**

The Fall Quilt Camp is from October 7th through the 10th. Barbara reminded everyone that today is the last day to get the \$10 discount. You will save \$10 if you sign up today and pay the fees by the end of August. Also, there will only be a Fall Camp this year and no Spring Camp in 2026.

Barbara will bring the Accuquilt Cutter to the Fall Quilt Camp. Any questions, please contact Barbara Saia.

### **Youth Quilting – Janice Zolnierowicz**

The committee just started back up in August and there wasn't a report today.

### **Community Quilts – Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie**

Suzy reported that 49 completed quilts, 15 with binding and 13 quilt tops, were turned in today.

The next Community Quilts meeting is next Monday morning from 9am to noon.

Suzy thanked everyone for participating in the sale they were having this morning and that they were almost cleaned out.

Susy talked about the Community Quilt Challenge. Karen Austermler is manning the Community Quilt table with the "Challenge kits," paper bags containing black and white fabric are available. You must use this fabric on the front of your quilt. You decide how much to use in any design you like. You can use whatever other colors of fabric that you desire in your quilt. Complete instructions for are included in the Challenge kit bag.

Your quilt must be completed and turned in to Community Quilts at the May 2026 meeting.

Please stop by and sign up for the Community Quilts Challenge today.

Bobby Mae Ball won the drawing.

**Show & Tell** – No Show & Tell today because our program is Show & Tell on Steroids.

**New Business – Diane Stockhaus** There was no new business to discuss.

**Program – Show & Tell on Steroids** Members were invited to bring in up to 5 fabric related items and tell about them for today's program.

The Board members were up first. They brought in the first quilt they made (or close to it) and the most recent one they have finished and talked about them.

The following is the list of everyone that brought in items for the **Show & Tell on Steroids** Program: Diane Stockhaus, Elizabeth Phinder, Deb Godin, Charlotte Maris, Diane Short, Kay Wentworth, Dona Speights, Bobbie Turnbow, Barbara Phiel, Cathy Vetrano, Jeanne Dunk, Bobbie Mae Ball, Norma Jarrels, Jessica Brothers, Barbara Krit, Cherly Giovenco, Rhoda Chapman, Kay Huff, Kay Denny, Macia McMullen, Sandra Wolf, Charlene Coxworth, Karen Kimmel, Janice Zolnierowicz, Betsy Mayorga, Joan Carrell, Donna Morgan, Michel Zulim, Susan Perry, Sandy Syeddue, and Valerie Nelson.

**Closing Remarks** - Diane Stockhaus read the following:

A Treasure by Mildred Hatfield

It's more than a coverlet,  
More than a spread,  
This beautiful quilt  
That graces my bed.

It's laughter and sorrow,  
It's pleasure and pain,  
It's small bits and pieces  
Of Sunshine and rain.

It's a bright panorama  
Of scrap of my life –  
It's moments of glory,  
It's moments of strife.

It's a story I cherish  
Of days that have been,  
It's a door I can open  
To live them again.

Yes, it's more than a cover,  
This much treasured quilt,  
Its parts pieced together

Of the life I have built.

Happy Quilting, everyone

Adjourn 10:13 a.m.

Break

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary